



ADDICTION – by Marney W. DeFoore, LCSW-S

In 2013 a report by the US Department of Health and Human Services showed that nearly 24.6 million Americans were reportedly “current users of illicit drugs” with Marijuana being the most commonly used substance. There are as many different causes of drug addiction as there are individuals who are addicted, and every addicted person has his or her own history. If you have a drug problem you should be evaluated to see what type of treatment you need.

All illicit drug use has a beginning. Consider this progression.

- Experimentation or “Dabbling” – Every person who uses illicit substances begins at this level. Some stop here while others escalate at some point to the abuse level.
- Abuse – The person has begun to experience a pattern to consequences from drug their use.
- Addiction or Dependency – The addicted person may or may not have a profound desire to become abstinent. In any case, he or she is unable to do so of his or her own accord.

Addicted people need to deal with the causes of addiction in a head-on manner partnering with the therapist and with his or her own family.

Addiction is Powerful – claiming lives and destroying families.

- Progressive – with symptoms that worsen over time
- Non-discriminatory – ignoring race, gender, age, and social or educational status
- Deceptive – manipulating those with the disease into believing that the only problem is that of the “undue concern” of others
- Treatable – affording Recovery to anyone willing to do “whatever it takes”

Recovery is also Powerful – equipping individuals with the principles necessary to change.

- Proven – Marney has been helping end active addiction through Recovery since 1983
- Life-changing – showing pathways for people across the globe
- Accessible – worldwide anonymous self-help fellowship opportunities

Begin recovery and change your life forever! Start the road by discovering the causes of addiction. Call today for an evaluation and learn how to begin recovery right now.

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